

IN THE CLAIMS

1-11. (cancelled)

12. (previously presented) A computer-based e-commerce method dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered travel products, wherein said method comprises a plurality of steps, one or more of said steps performed locally or remotely, said method comprising:

retrieving two or more offerings of travel products from two or more vendors, said offerings including at least two product types selected from airline seating, hotel rooms, car rentals, and auxiliary travel support items with any of associated: price, time restrictions, use restrictions, class, availability, rules, and description(s);

retaining said two or more offerings of travel products in computer storage;

intelligently compiling travel packages comprising selected ones of said two or more offerings of travel products, each package including offerings of at least two product types, said compiling based on a congruency matching of defined restrictions and other criteria comprising any of geographic distributions, type of product, time considerations, cost, intelligent agents, and distribution channel limitations, wherein the defined restrictions for at least one product in a

package are dependent on another product accepted in or excluded from the package;

receiving one or more search request(s) for possible packages;

presenting possible packages meeting a requestors criteria;

determining a total cost by any of: summation of individual costs of products included in said compiled package, commissions, discounts, and special promotional items, and

processing payment of a one or more selected travel packages.

13. (original) A computer-based e-commerce method dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered travel products as per claim 12, further comprising the step of booking actual reservations with each vendor for products in a purchased package.

14. (original) A computer-based e-commerce method dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered travel products, as per claim 12, wherein said compilation is performed partially or wholly before said request for possible packages or interactively during said request.

15. (original) A computer-based e-commerce method dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered travel products, as per claim 12, wherein said method dynamically reformulates said compiled packages based on availability of said vendor offered products.

16. (original) A computer-based e-commerce method dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered travel products, as per claim 12, wherein said one or more steps performed locally or remotely are performed across any of: computer-based networks, LANs, WANs, cellular, wireless, Internet, WWW, satellite, or other data/telecommunications based communication mediums.

17-28. (cancelled)

29. (currently amended) A computer-based e-commerce method for committing previously uncommitted travel products, wherein said method comprises a plurality of steps controlled by at least one processor, one or more of said steps implemented locally or remotely, said method comprising:

determining available travel products from an inventory, based on any of: historical data, price, class, demand, time before use, type;

placing defined restrictions on two or more of said determined travel products wherein the defined restrictions for at least one travel product are dependent on another travel product when the one product and the other product are offered in a travel package;

offering said two or more of said determined travel products with associated restrictions to a centralized travel packaging system, said centralized travel packaging system located across at least one of computer-based networks, LANs, WANs, and cellular, wireless, Internet, WWW, satellite-based communication mediums,

receiving confirmed reservations from said centralized travel packaging system, said reservations included in one or more selected travel packages stored within a travel packages database as determined by an intelligent matching and dynamic compilation mechanism retained within said centralized travel packaging system, each package including two or more travel products of at least two product types, and

wherein said uncommitted travel products are committed by acceptance of ~~said actual~~ the confirmed reservations.

30. (previously presented) A computer-based e-commerce method for committing previously uncommitted travel products, as per claim 29, wherein said defined restrictions include any of: which companies may or may not be included in

the packages, which other types of companies may or may not be included in the packages, minimal/maximal travel duration, minimal/maximal travelers, days of week that must be or must not be included in the travel duration, prices of other products in the package, discounts on other products in the package, or the relative part of each product in the package, available payment methods, conditions and restrictions for modifying the reservation or canceling the reservation, dynamic price of package according to any of: duration of stay, number of travelers, days of week, participating companies, geographical location.

31. (original) A computer-based e-commerce method for committing previously uncommitted travel products, as per claim 29, wherein said centralized travel packaging system dynamically reformulates said compiled packages based on availability of one or more of said determined travel products.

32. (previously presented) A computer-based e-commerce method for previously uncommitted travel products, as per claim 29, wherein said centralized travel packaging system receives two or more of said determined travel products from a plurality of travel product vendors.

33-36. (cancelled)

37. (new) A computerized e-commerce system dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered travel products comprising a plurality of components, one or more of said components located locally or remotely, said system comprising:

one or more data storage mediums comprising information of two or more offered travel products from two or more vendors, the information including at least two product types selected from airline seating, hotel rooms, car rentals, and auxiliary travel support items with any of associated: price, time restrictions, use restrictions, class, availability, rules, and description(s);

one or more processors configured with processor control instructions that control accessing information of the one or more data storage mediums and that control dynamically compiling travel packages to select ones of the two or more offered travel products, each package including offerings of at least two product types, the control instructions also controlling package compiling based on a matching of defined restrictions and other criteria comprising any of: geographic distributions, type of product, time considerations, cost, intelligent agents, and distribution channel limitations, wherein the defined restrictions for at least one product in a package are dependent on another product accepted in or excluded from the package;

the one or more processors further configured with processor control instructions that control package cost determination including any of: summation of individual costs of products included in a compiled package, commissions, discounts, and special promotional items; and

the one or more processors further configured with processor control instructions that control an interface to enter one or more search request(s) for possible packages.

38. (new) The computerized e-commerce system of claim 37 further comprising processor control instructions that control package compilation partially or wholly before a request for possible packages or interactively during a request.

39. (new) The computerized e-commerce system of claim 37 further comprising: the one or more processors being configured with processor control instructions that control purchasing of a selected package; and

the one or more processors being further configured with processor control instructions that control booking to finalize reservations with each vendor for products in a purchased package.

40. (new) A computer-based e-commerce system dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered products,

as per claim 37, further comprising the system configured to generate packages by remotely accessing two or more of travel related items.

41. (new) A computer-based e-commerce system dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered products, as per claim 37, further comprising the system configured to generate packages by accessing stored information representing two or more of: airline seating, hotel rooms, car rentals, and auxiliary travel support items.

42. (new) A computer based e-commerce system dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered products, as per claim 37, further comprising the interface configured to control user searches for possible packages based on a match to desired criteria.

43. (new) A computer-based e-commerce system dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered products, as per claim 37, further comprising processor control instructions that control dynamically reformulating the compilation of packages based on availability of the vendor offered products.

44. (new) A computer-based e-commerce system dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered products, as per claim 37, wherein said components located locally or remotely are connected by at least one of computer based networks, LANs, WANs, and cellular, wireless, Internet, WWW, and satellite based communication mediums.

45. (new) A computerized e-commerce system dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered travel products comprising a plurality of components, one or more of said components located locally or remotely, said system comprising:

data means for storing information comprising two or more offered travel products from two or more vendors, the information including at least two product types selected from airline seating, hotel rooms, car rentals, and auxiliary travel support items with any of associated: price, time restrictions, use restrictions, class, availability, rules, and description(s);

electronic package compiling means for dynamically compiling travel packages by accessing information of the data means to select ones of the two or more offered travel products, each package including offerings of at least two product types, the package compiling means also for compiling based on a matching of defined restrictions and other criteria comprising

any of: geographic distributions, type of product, time considerations, cost, intelligent agents, and distribution channel limitations, wherein the defined restrictions for at least one product in a package are dependent on another product accepted in or excluded from the package;

electronic package cost determination means for determining package cost including any of: summation of individual costs of products included in a compiled package, commissions, discounts, and special promotional items; and

electronic interface means for entering one or more search request(s) for possible packages.

46. (new) The computerized e-commerce system of claim 45 further comprising:

electronic purchase means for controlling purchasing of a selected package, and

electronic booking means for booking a purchased package to finalize reservations with each vendor for products in a purchased package.

47. (new) The computerized e-commerce system of claim 46 further comprising, wherein the system is configured to control package compilation partially or wholly before a request for possible packages or interactively during a request.

48. (new) A computer-based e-commerce system dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered products, as per claim 47, wherein the system is configured to generate packages by remotely accessing two or more of travel related items.

49. (new) A computer-based e-commerce system dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered products, as per claim 47, wherein the system is configured to generate packages by accessing stored information representing two or more of: airline seating, hotel rooms, car rentals, and auxiliary travel support items.

50. (new) A computer based e-commerce system dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered products, as per claim 47, wherein the electronic interface means is configured to control user searches for possible packages based on a match to desired criteria.

51. (new) A computer-based e-commerce system dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered products, as per claim 46, wherein the system is configured to dynamically reformulate the compilation of packages based on availability of the vendor offered products.

52. (new) A computer-based e-commerce system dynamically formulating a collection of vendor offered products, as per claim 46, wherein said components located locally or remotely are connected by at least one of computer based networks, LANs, WANs, and cellular, wireless, Internet, WWW, and satellite based communication mediums.